

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
VESSEL APPLICATION FOR  
HIGH SEAS FISHING**

United States Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region  
P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1668  
<[www.fakr.noaa.gov](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov)>



A separate application must be completed for each vessel.  
Type or print (in ink) information clearly.  
Retain a copy of each completed application for your records.

**Don't forget to include the following in your application packet:**

- Your application(s)
- A photocopy of the vessel's Form CG-1270 (see #1 below)
- A photocopy of the vessel's current state or tribal registration if vessel is not USCG documented (see #1 below)
- A photocopy of Certificate of Incorporation or Partnership Agreement (see #7-11)
- Supplemental flag information, if appropriate (see #17 below)
- \$50 check or money order for the application fee payable to "U.S. Department of Commerce – NOAA"

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If you have any questions about these permits, call Restricted Access Management (RAM) toll free at (800) 304-4846 (option 2) or (907) 586-7202 (option 2). This application, as well as other application forms, are also available on the RAM section of the National Marine Fisheries, Alaska Region web site at <<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov>>.

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**Mail your completed application to:**

National Marine Fisheries Service  
Restricted Access Management Program  
P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, AK 99802-1668

**Drop off your completed application at:**

National Marine Fisheries Service  
Restricted Access Management Program  
Federal Building  
709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 713  
Juneau, Alaska

1. **USCG Official Documentation No.:** Enter the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Official Documentation Number assigned to the vessel. Also, attach a photocopy of the vessel's current documentation (Form CG-1270). Include a copy of the current decal endorsement, if necessary, as proof of existence of current documentation. If the vessel is not USCG documented, leave blank and attach a photocopy of the vessel's current state or tribal registration. Ensure that any photocopies are completely legible.
2. **Vessel Name:** Enter the current name of the vessel.
3. **IRCS:** Enter the International Radio Call Sign (IRCS) currently assigned to the vessel. If none, so indicate.

4. ISSCFV Vessel Type Code: Using as a reference the attached International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishery Vessels (ISSCFV) vessel types, enter the numerical code for the vessel type that best describes the vessel.
5. Number of Crew: Enter the normal number of crew the vessel carries.
6. Total Hold Capacity in Cubic Meters: Enter the total hold capacity in cubic meters. To calculate hold capacity in cubic meters, first multiply hold width x length x height, in feet (to determine hold capacity in cubic feet), and convert to cubic meters by multiplying the total number of cubic feet by 0.028317. For example, 10'x10'x10' = 1000 cubic feet, and 1000 multiplied by 0.028317 is 28.3 cubic meters. Repeat, if necessary, for each hold to arrive at total hold capacity in cubic meters.
- 7-11. Owner Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code, Voice Telephone Number, Fax Number: Enter the name, address, telephone number, and fax number (including area codes) of the vessel owner. If the vessel is owned by a corporation or partnership, attach a photocopy of the Certificate of Incorporation or Partnership Agreement, including names and addresses of all individuals owning 25 percent or more of the corporation or partnership.
- 12-16. Operator Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code, Voice Telephone Number, Fax Number: Enter the name, address, telephone, and fax numbers (including area code) of the vessel operator.
17. Indicate Agreement(s), if any.: Using as a reference the attached list of Agreements, list the abbreviation(s) for any Agreement(s) under which the vessel intends to conduct fishing operations. Use commas to separate abbreviations. If the vessel will conduct fishing operations under none of the Agreements, so indicate.
18. Indicate FAO statistical area(s): Using as a reference the attached chart depicting Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) major fishing areas for statistical purposes, list the numeric area(s) in which the vessel intends to operate on the high seas. Use commas to separate numeric areas. You must indicate one or more areas.
19. Has the vessel identified flown the flag of another nation within the last three years? Answer "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If yes, ensure that all supplemental information requested is reported accurately and completely. Supplemental information includes a list on a separate piece of paper for each period during which the vessel operated under other than the U.S. flag to include the following: period; vessel name; flag; IRCS; homeport; owner name, address, phone number, fax number; and operator name, address, phone number, and fax number.
20. Has the vessel identified, under its current name/flag, or any previous name/flags, had any permit or license suspended or revoked within the past three years? Answer "yes" or "no" as appropriate. If yes, ensure that all supplemental information requested is reported accurately and completely. Supplemental information includes a list on a separate piece of paper the circumstances surrounding each such instances and include any explanation of the current status of suspension or revocation.

**Signature:** Sign the application and print your name. Enter the date the application was signed. By signing the application, the individual signing the application (owner, operator, or legally authorized agent of the owner) of the vessel identified, declares under penalty of law that all information on the application is true, accurate, and complete.

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Submission of application information is mandatory in order to be considered for a permit and is used in determining if a permit should be issued. Application information is not confidential. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completing and reviewing information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing the burden to: NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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